



## **REQUIREMENTS FOR SELF PROTECTION - FULL CARRY LICENSE**

SELF-PROTECTION - FULL CARRY LICENSE, for the purpose of self-protection. If you are seeking a SELF-PROTECTION class (6) license, you will be required to show "proper cause" pursuant to Penal Law Section 400.00 Sub. 2 (f). "Proper cause" is determined by a review of all relevant information bearing on your claimed need. You must show that you are exposed to extraordinary personal danger, documented by proof of recurrent threats to life or safety, requiring authorization to carry a firearm.

These factors are not all inclusive, and the Police Commissioner will consider other proof, including Suffolk County Police Department records. It should be noted, however, that the mere fact that you have been the victim of a crime or reside or are employed in a "high crime area" or participate in a controversial activity does not establish "proper cause" for the issuance of a self-protection license.

### **1. NOTARIZED LETTER OF NECESSITY**

A. Reason(s) for requesting SELF-PROTECTION license, include all of the following information:

- a. Circumstances of the request.
- b. Name, address, telephone number and employer of person(s) that you need protection from, if known.
- c. Is this person you fear related to you.
- d. When did first incident occur.
- e. Number and type of threats and when they occurred.
- f. Number, type of complaint and dates of previous police reports made.
- g. List all previous arrests and charges relating to the incidents or threats, if any.
- h. List all previous court actions and their results relating to the incidents or threats, if any.

### **2. SUPPORTING LETTERS OF WITNESSES**

A. Name, address, telephone number and notarized statements or letters of actual witnesses that can confirm that recurrent threats have occurred to your life or safety.

B. Documentation from District Attorney's Office or other law enforcement governmental agency that recommends and can support your request for a self protection license.

If a class (6) license is approved, the Suffolk County Police Pistol Licensing Bureau may withdraw that classification at any time if it finds proper cause no longer exists. Proper cause will have to be demonstrated by you each time the license is renewed, every five years. If proper cause is no longer proven, the license will be changed to a different class license.

**FAILURE TO SUPPLY ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED WILL NOT ONLY DELAY THIS AMENDMENT REQUEST, IT MAY RESULT IN A DENIAL. IF ANY INFORMATION REQUESTED IS NOT KNOWN, SO INDICATE.**

If you are applying for a new license - submit all the above documentation with your application.

If you are amending a current license - submit the above documentation with a completed amendment form and a check or money order for \$5.00 payable to the Suffolk County Police Department. Upon completion of the investigation, you will be notified of the results by mail.

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